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The work of the Western Conference was never in better shape than it is at present, even though the Secretary has been doing double work for three months. There could not have been a better time found for the difficulties involved in a change of Secretary. The churches are most efficiently and happily manned, with a few exceptions. Kansas City has had the misfortune to lose Mr. Ferguson, Luverne has been for some time without services and Buda is looking in vain for a minister. The Secretary found an opportunity to visit the Kansas City church and confer with the congregation over the vacancy. He has not been able to meet with the Luverne people, but they are bravely trying to meet their problem. It is a never-ceasing wonder to the Secretary to find the class of people that are in our churches in the small cities and even villages. The demands made upon a minister by a congregation such as that at Luverne are as high as those made by any city congregation. The people are well-read and most intelligent. In all respects they are like unto their city brethren. The problem of supplying such churches with ministers of adequate ability is a serious one. However, sooner or later the Secretary lights on the proper person for the work and the church moves forward in a period of prosperity. Unfortunately, changes are frequent in this class of churches and from that reason there are periods when some of these churches are closed from inability to secure the right man or woman to fill the pulpit. It is such a period that our Luverne society has just been experiencing, but which happily promises to be over soon. This is one of the finest of our churches in the small cities of the West. Its minister serves Adrian and Rock Rapids. What has been said of Luverne applies in slightly different form to the work at Buda. The reason that the work is so prosperous throughout the West is our good fortune in having our pulpits so well filled. The strange spectacle is presented of the Western pulpits being practically filled and New England lacking sufficient ministers. It is to be hoped that our happy state of affairs will result in the heart of the treasurer being gladdened. The time of year at which most of the collections for the Western Conference are taken is rapidly approaching, and its financial needs should be met. It is true that the secretary is doing double duty and that the salary that he receives as a minister goes into the treasury of the Western Conference, but the treasury of the Western Conference has always received the compensation he has received for his services as supply, which money has been the source of his traveling expense fund, the balance going into the treasurer's hands, so the situation is not unusual. This is the home conference of the West. Without it we should be deprived, largely, of fellowship. Even with it we are none too well supplied with the means of touch one with another whereby enthusiasm and courage are developed. The programme for the meeting at St. Paul in May is well under way. It is to be hoped that all of the churches will be represented at this meeting and that through their loyalty and generosity Mr. Brough, our devoted treasurer, may be able to make the best report of his many years of service.

THE COMING UNITY OF CHRISTIANDOM.

The olden dream of the Christian Church of all types has been to convert the world to its views of life and destiny, of God and revelation. And probably the larger portion of people who bestow any thought upon the subject, and who have been trained in something like the traditions and beliefs of Christianity, more or less dimly hold the opinion that some time, far off or near, there is going to be but one form of religion upon earth, and that the Christian religion.

That expectation seems to me more than doubtful.

What in part makes me entertain this doubt is the extent to which the key doctrine of ancient Christianity has lost its hold upon even the worshipping congregations; that is, the belief that all those who do not profess and hold sincerely Christian doctrine will endure endless torment through the eternity after death.

It was this belief which from a very early day gave the Christian Church its impetus. Probably the consolations of the new faith, its ritual, its interest

in caring for the forlorn and suffering, had their weight in making the early Christian church the faith of the multitudes; but more potent than these was the dread of the great hereafter with its horrors for the unprepared, which pulpit and press vied in depicting in the most terrifying rhetoric.

Yet, if I may judge from what I read and hear from observers, the doctrine has practically ceased to move even the worshippers in every intelligent country. It is rarely taught in its bareness in any enlightened pulpit; and, with that gone, it is hopeless to expect that the multitudes, especially of educated men and women, will be drawn towards the articles of creed, besides which, for the most part, depended for their authority upon the threat that, if they were not accepted, there would be immortal dreadful consequences.

With this keystone dropped out, all depends as to whether or not the world is going to be Christian upon what that shall be in Christian teaching which promises to make this present earth the best possible place for all its inhabitants.

There are two great cravings of our human nature; the one of the body, the other of the soul or mind.

Mankind has, in the long run, never been good for much until it was well fed and well sheltered from the elements which beget diseases and death. But, being well fed and housed, it has not been good for much unless it had great ideas, hopes, knowledge, aspirations.

A man is first an animal, but that is not all; he has spiritual hungerings; he has curiosity, the desire to know what is going on in his world; he has love of companionship, out of which, in course of time, blossoms the home, the community and nation, with their laws, and a host of lesser institutions. He has the instinct for beauty and melody which in process of time builds superb structures of architecture, and produces orchestras and theaters. And he has a conscience for justice, and a yearning for eternity, being as the poet says, a creature moving about in worlds not realized.

Whatever the Christian church may have done for the spiritual side it long had thorough contempt for the physical well-being of man.

And this neglect many forms of philanthropy have in recent years undertaken to remedy, with the result that, upon this common ground of human betterment members of all sorts of faith meet together and learn the virtues of one another and the larger importance over beliefs about the immortal future, of conduct here and now.

The new thought in the air is that every doctrine is to be tested by the people it produces, and all sorts of divers creeds are found to beget loving men and women, the ancient creeds of Christendom far from having a monooply of good works. So a creed is increasingly recognized as the man's, or the community's, working hypothesis of the method of making good citizens and mutually helpful people.

Why, then, should a high-minded Jew be a Catholic Christian; or one who has approached the problem of human betterment from the side of his study of poverty and disease accept the propositions of the Westminster confession? The ethical idea in common with all honest thought is the one important thing. And this consideration leaves more and more room for individuality of belief which may or may not be distinctively Christian.

The platform of the future seems to me to include something like the following purposes:

First, for giving every soul a chance to be a sound, healthy body, with a fair share of the material goods of life.

Second, for assuring to every soul a fair acquaintance with the best knowledge which our race has acquired, through the trained brain and entire freedom to believe whatsoever seems reasonable.

Third, for knitting all sorts of people into a closer loyalty to the laws, the forms of government and the other institutions of society which have been wrought out of centuries of experience and found to be the best, so that what is thus accumulated by wise experience may surely be passed on unimpaired to following generations; and thus each century shall add to the possibility of our earth's being the abode of steadily improving souls, fit for time or for eternity.

The finest type of this wordliness is the surest preparation for any expected immortality. While excessive emphasis upon salvation after death has, on the whole, produced a low type of earthly morality.

Cincinnati. GEORGE A. THAYER.

WHAT THE BIBLE IS.

It is the custom of many schools and colleges to honor pupils by granting them certificates of "Biblical Knowledge." These certificates are very frequently not worth the paper on which they are written. The so-called Biblical knowledge may involve deplorable ignorance. A certificate may mean that the student knows the contents of the various books without knowing where they came from, or when or by whom they were written, or what were the circumstances or events to which at the time of their writing they were intended to apply. It may virtually certify his belief that the Pentateuch was written by Moses and the Epistle to the Hebrews by Paul, that the Psalms were written by David and the Gospels by disciples of Jesus, the apostles Matthew, Mark, Luke and John; that Ruth and Job and Esther are volumes of history;

that all the books were written in the order in which they are printed in the Bible; and that the whole collection is indubitably "the Word of God." We are continually meeting with "educated" people whose "religion" is largely founded on these mistakes.

It would be well for all such people, for the progress of knowledge, and for the cause of religion, if we could put into their hands the Rev. J. T. Sunderland's recently published book, "The Origin and Character of the Bible." This revised and considerably enlarged edition of a previous work tells in plain language nearly all that is known of its subject. Mr. Sunderland has carefully collected and arranged the principal results of the last half century's Biblical research. He puts into focus the important facts that have been brought to light by the highest scholarship, and he is remarkably successful in his presentation of them in a non-technical form. Here the reader has in a relatively small space the product of the most painstaking investigation and scientific criticism, without having his attention diverted to the intricate processes by which it has been produced. The book may fitly be called the concentrated extract of a great library, for he who has on his book shelves the 130 works cited as authorities will find that he has but little of practical value beyond what is condensed into this one volume of about 300 pages.

Mr. Sunderland begins with the place of the Bible among the sacred books of the world, and the similarities between it and the others; devotes a chapter to the Hebrew land and people and one to the Bible as literature; and then, taking the writings in succession, shows what has been ascertained in regard to their origin, keeping the history of the people in view as he proceeds and directing attention to the character of the books as rising through a process of evolution. In each case the requisite prominence is given to the known or probable date of writing, so that the evolutionary growth of this great literature may be easily observed; and the reader is provided with excellent aids in a table of dates of important historical events, Biblical and other; a table of dates of Biblical literature, showing the literary evolution of the Bible; a chart classifying the literature of the Old Testament, and showing the various canons and the true chronological order of the books; and a chart similarly classifying the literature of the New Testament and showing the true chronological order.

Though details lie outside this brief notice it is but right to name, as being especially valuable, the two chapters on Bible infallibility in the light of modern scholarship and the chapter on the Old Testament Apocryphal Books. These books are too often neglected in the pulpit. They not only fill the historical gap between the Old Testament and the New, but some of them have a literary and moral excellence to which a number of the canonical books do not attain. For example, Ecclesiasticus is the noblest ethical product of Israel's religion, and the affirmations of immortality in the wisdom of Solomon are stronger and more beautiful than anything of the kind in the Bible. Mr. Sunderland has done well to emphasize the importance of this admirable literature —of which the Roman Catholic Church should not be allowed a monopoly.

His work, as a whole, is one which ought to be very cordially welcomed. It deserves the call which is already being made for a second edition—in which, no doubt, the few printers' errors that appear in the first will be corrected. Candidly and reverently, the book shows what the Bible really is. As a corrective of Bibiolatry nothing could be better. It ought to be placed in every public library.

Salem, Ohio. A. Irvine Innes.

VIRTUES OF AN IDEAL MINISTER.

An orator, must attract and hold hearers.

A thinker and student in science, religion and life.

Sociable, cordial and always says the right word.

Tactful, should handle every one in right manner.

An organizer, places people where they can be most useful.

A financier, he must look out for the church finances.

A manager, should equal any business man.

A commander, must never command, just persuade.

Spiritual, his life must represent the best.

Sympathetic, be one with all under all circumstances.

Well informed, must be able to be one with a farmer, doctor, blacksmith, lawyer and all others.

A good citizen, should sympathize with all factions.

Industrious, every one dislikes lazy ministers.

Out of the above could be made a lawyer, politician, business man, teacher, lecturer, author, philosopher, an ascetic, military commander, and then have left enough to distribute along a whole line of occupation, from family physician to church janitor.

IDEAL CHURCH PEOPLE.

Complementary of a minister's good qualities, that helps makes his good even better.

Patient, they bear with his shortcomings.

Considerate, they note his shortcomings and cover them with their own abilities in these lines.

Loyal, at his back the same as to his face.

Generous, they make their pastor feel manly and not as a beggar when he is paid his salary.

Prayerful, that is, reverential toward all high things.

If the pastor preaches well but is a poor visitor, then such people make up for the failing by calling.

If a good organizer, he may be a poor manager, then the people possessing executive ability go forward.

They do not expect their pastor to be an ideal.

They know one virtue can make a man in some lines fairly successful, but in the ministry many are required.

They count their pastor's abilities, his chance, his inabilities, their chance.

C. J. HARRIS.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Urbana-Champaign.—Since the dedication of the new church in October there has come a great influx of students and faculty people. The little auditorium has been practically filled every Sunday, except in vacations, with audiences that average 140 to 150, and half of the congregation are students. The Unity Club, with its study of Hamacli's "What Is Christianity?" has drawn forty or so each Sunday evening who join in a most spirited discussion of the fundamentals of Christianity. The church membership is steadily climbing. The new church assures the community of the stability of the organization and people join with far greater readiness. A fair by the Woman's Alliance, monthly suppers by the women and girls, a children's play by the Sunday School, which drew a crowded house, a concert and opera by the Unity Club, to be given in February and March, are sufficient to keep every one at work and the activities of the church before the community.

Salem, Ohio.—Unity Church greatly enjoyed the visit of Rev. Elmer S. Forbes Billings, lecturer for the American Unitarian Association, who on Sunday evening, February 14, gave an instructive and stimulating address on "Social and Public Service." A highly satisfactory concert was given on the 28th, the net proceeds amounting to $28. The circle (Alliance) has commenced sewing, in contemplation of a possible sale of work. Nearly 500 copies of "The Church of the Modern Spirit," with a local page, have been mailed to residents in the city.

Traverse City, Mich.—Rev. B. A. Hills took up our work in this city in September. It has proved so successful that he has organized it into a society. There were sixteen charter members and as many more are expected to unite soon. Mr. Hill's congregation numbers about forty. He is to be congratulated upon the successful outcome of his labors.

Kansas City, Mo.—Since the last number of the News Letter went to press Rev. Charles Ferguson has made his resignation final and severed his connection with All Souls' Church. Mr. Ferguson served this society faithfully for six years and leaves none but devoted friends in the organization that he re-created.

Davenport, Ia.—Rev. Robert E. Ramsay, who was unanimously elected secretary of the Western Conference at the last meeting of its directors, has declined to accept the office. Mr. Ramsay declines in the interest of the Davenport church. His work in this city is beginning to bear fruit and he feels it his pleasure to enjoy the friendships he has formed and his duty to continue the work so auspiciously begun.

St. Cloud, Minn.—Rev. Manfred Lilliefors has resigned from the pastorate of Unity Church, his resignation to take effect March 15. Dr. Lilliefors has been nearly two years with this society, the good people of which have come to admire his work very much. Dr. Lilliefors is one of the best equipped men in our ministry, because of the exceptional educational advantages he has enjoyed. He intends to remain in the West, as he finds in the breadth and vigor of our growing life an appeal and challenge that is irresistible to him.

Quincy, Ill.—A great misfortune has befallen the minister and society of our Quincy church. Mrs. Elliott passed from this life Saturday, January 9. She had been ailing for many months. At times the hearts of her many friends would be gladdened by a strong rally, only to have them quickly saddened by a change for the worse, until at last rest came to her. The writer of these lines wishes that his pen could tell what he feels of admiration for this noble, sweet-hearted woman. Wherever she went friendship for her sprang up. In every place where her husband served devotion to the minister's wife was manifested. She was an aid to him beyond calculation. Not alone had Nature endowed her with the qualities that beget esteem and trust, which enabled her to be such a power in parish work, but she was equipped as well to be a companion to her husband in his severest mental labors and thus to be friend and companion to him at all times. The sense of Mr. Elliott's loss is great among all who knew her, and the sympathy of all his fellow-workers goes out to him in his hours of sorrow.

Monroe, Wis.—Rev. John Henry Palmer, until recently minister of the Liberal Church of this city, died Friday, January 22, at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His funeral was held Sunday, January 24, and was conducted by Rev. Joseph Newton, of the Cedar Rapids

Universalist Church. Mr. Palmer was born at Akron, Ohio, November 23, 1838. He was educated at Hillsdale College. He was teaching school when Lincoln's call for volunteers came. He at once responded and served so acceptably that he became a captain within a year. A severe illness put an end to his military career and caused him to spend three years in invalidism. After he was sufficiently recovered he entered the Congregational ministry, but being open-minded he soon found his way into liberal paths of thought and he sought a more open fellowship. He served our churches at Cedar Rapids, Luverne and Monroe. Everyone who met Brother Palmer felt at once that he had come in contact with one who had the prime qualities of manhood. One who served with honor, as he did, in so many difficult posts could not be other than of high quality. His ability as a minister was great. His pulpit work was of fine quality, and his influence in the community was noble and true. He was a friend of all men and of all that was good and high, but an uncompromising foe of all that was evil and low in men and society. His fellow-ministers will ever reverence his memory and in them and every community in which he has lived his immortality in growing good is assured. Our sympathy goes out to the daughters and faithful helpmeet who have lost one who was ever to them a tower of strength.

Chicago, Ill.—The directors met Tuesday, January 26, at 2 p. m. Present: Messrs. Delano, Brough, Temple, Hawley, Pulsford, Backus, Mrs. Delano and Mrs. Lynn. In the absence of the president, Mr. Delano was elected to the chair. A communication was read from the secretary of the nominating committee of the A. U. A., asking for a nomination from the Western states for that committee. On motion it was voted to name President Hull for the Western representative. After a discussion upon the question of a successor for the present secretary it was voted to adjourn until Monday, February 1, at 2 p. m.

The adjourned meeting of the board was called to order at 2 p. m. Monday, February 1. President Hull in the chair. There were present Messrs. Hull, Hawley, Backus, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. Delano and Miss Buck. The committee on secretary presented the name of Rev. Robert E. Ramsay, of Davenport, as its choice. After discussion Mr. Ramsay was unanimously elected to take charge of the office at his earliest convenience. The meeting then adjourned.

W. M. Backus, Secretary.

The Chicago Associate Alliance of Unitarian and Other Liberal Christian Women met at Hull Memorial Chapel February 4 at 11 a. m., the president, Mrs. Beebe, in the chair. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved. It was moved the president appoint chairmen to fill the vacancies on the Cheerful Letter Committee and Philanthropic News Committee. Carried. It was voted to send a letter of sympathy to the family of Miss French. Miss Lewis, chairman of the Postoffice Mission, gave a most interesting report of the work.

Mrs. W. I. Thomas, superintendent of the Juvenile Protective League, told of her work and the work of the Juvenile Court. She showed how every effort is now turning toward the child. Even the savage has shown us how the boy and girl were cared for as the future warrior and the mother of warriors.

In 1899 a law was passed providing for a Juvenile Court in Chicago. At the same time a committee was formed by Mrs. Flower and Mrs. Stevens to raise funds for a detention home and probation officers. Later an appropriation was made whereby the support of this committee was undertaken by the state.

Mrs. Thomas told of the work among the children and saloons where "can rushing" was done, of the gambling mania among children with slot machines in school stores and the selling of tobacco to minors. The five-cent theaters, until recently, had been unspeakably bad, especially in localities where children seemed to want them most. They are now under the control of a city alderman, the department of health, and the pictures are inspected before being shown. But the evil is not to be corrected only by taking these things away. Something must be given to occupy their hands and minds. An instance was given, telling of a room in the city postoffice where at times fifty special delivery boys waited their turn to go out. The time was spent in gambling. The Juvenile Protective League had established a city library station, having such books as would interest boys. The books were received warmly and a different atmosphere prevailed. In the factories, where one hears so much of the "by-products" used and no waste, those same factories throw out human waste without a thought.

At the conclusion of Mrs. Thomas' talk, Rev. Fred V. Hawley was called upon. He differed with the speaker as to the value of the Juvenile Court or any other artificial means of restraint or reformation. Mr. Hawley spoke in criticism of present-day methods of the treatment of juvenile delinquents and other wrongdoers as well. He doubted the right of one person over another's life or liberty, urging the need of more sympathy for our fellow-sinners.

Mrs. Thomas replied, saying, of course, the Juvenile Court and similar institutions were only temporary means and that better methods were constantly being sought.

The remarks of Mrs. Thomas were heartily applauded and a rising vote of thanks extended her.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

Ethel W. Mason, Secretary.

DIRECTORY

A Directory of the Independent churches in the Western Unitarian Conference. The object of this list is to direct those who care to know where to find our churches and ministers.

Alton, Ill.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Vernon M. Cady.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Henry Wilder Foote.

Bloomington, Ill.—Unitarian Church, East and Jefferson Sts Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. J. H. Mueller, 506 East Chestnut St.

Brooklyn, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M.

Buda, Ill.—Union Christian Society, Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Burlington, Iowa.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Chicago, Ill.—Hull Memorial Chapel, Fifty-seventh St. and Woodlawn Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. W. Hanson Pulsford, 115 E Twenty-third St.

Chicago, Ill.—Unity Church, Barry Ave., near Evanston Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Fred V. Hawley, 2429 North Hermitage Ave.

Chicago, Ill.—Third Unitarian Church, W. Monroe St. near Kedzie Ave. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Prof. George B. Foster.

Chicago, Ill.—First Swedish Unitarian Church, Wells Hall, 1629 N. Clark St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. August Dellgren, 831 E. Wellington Ave.

Cincinnati, Ohio.—The First Congregational Church of Cincinnati. Reading Rd. and Linton St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George A. Thayer, 304 Oak St.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The Church of the Unity, Euclid and Genesee Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Minot O. Simons, 1916 East Eighty-second St.

Colorado Springs, Colo.—All Souls' Unitarian Church, Dale and Tejon Sts. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Lewis Marsh.

Davenport, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Robert E. Ramsay, 2104 Grand Ave.

Decorah, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M.

Denver, Colo.—First Unitarian Society, Broadway and 19th Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. David Utter, D. D., 329 Broadway.

Des Moines, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Mary A. Safford.

Detroit, Mich.—First Congregational Unitarian Society, Woodward Ave. and Edmund Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Reed Stuart, 76 Stimson Place.

Duluth, Minn.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R, Gebaner, 1209 E. Third St.

Evanston, Ill.—Church of All Souls. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Vila Blake, 37 Ashland Blvd., Chicago.

Fort Collins, Colo.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Duren J. H. Ward.

Geneseo, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10:45 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. David M. Kirkpatrick.

Geneva, Ill.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 4 P. M. Prof. Geo. Foster.

Gimli, Manitoba.—Unitarian Society. Hour of service, Rev. J. P. Solmundsson.

Grand Haven, Mich.—First Unitarian Society, Washington St., between Third and Fourth Sts. Hour of service, 7 P. M.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—All Souls Liberal Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. H. B. Bard.

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Holland Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. B. A. Van Sluyters, R. F. D. 9.

Greeley, Colo.—Unity Church, Ninth St. and Ninth Ave. Hour of Service, 10:45. Rev. Milton R. Kerr.

Hanska, Minn.—Nora Free Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. E. Norman.

Harrietta, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 10 A. M. Rev. B. A. Hills, Traverse City.

Hinsdale, Ill.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. J. M. A. Spence.

Hobart, Ind.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M. Alternate Sundays.

Humboldt, Iowa.—Unity Church. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. C. P. Wellman.

Indianapolis, Ind.—All Souls' Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev Frank C. S. Wicks, 17 Michigan St.

Iowa City, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 10 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Robert S. Loring.

Jackson, Mich.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. R. Shaw Barrow, 508 Fourth St.

Kalamazoo, Mich.—People's Church, Park and Lovell Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. Joseph P. McCarthy.

Kansas City, Mo.—All Souls' Church, Baltimore Ave. and Armour Boul. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Kenosha, Wis.—Henry M. Simmons Memorial Church, Chicago St. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Florence Buck, 427 Congress St.

Keokuk, Iowa.—First Unitarian Society. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. M. Rowena Morse, Ph. D., 519 Fourth St., W.

Lawrence, Kan.—The Unitarian Church, Hancock and Vermont Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Frederick M. Bennett, 1201 Vermont St.

Lincoln, Neb.—All Souls Church, Twelfth and H Sts. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Arthur L. Weatherly.

Luverne, Minn.—Unity Congregation Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Madison, Wis.—First Unitarian Society. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. F. A. Gilmore.

Manistee, Mich.—First Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M

Milwaukee, Wis.—First Unitarian Society, Ogden Ave. and Astor St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Walter F. Greenman, 682 Astor St.

Minneapolis, Minn.—First Unitarian Society, Eighth St, and Mary Place. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. Wilson M. Backus.

Moline, Ill.—First Unitarian Church, Sixteenth St. and Sixth Ave. Hour of Service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Floyd B. Hardin, 1610 Sixth Ave.

Monroe, Wis.—United Liberal Church. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M.

Mount Pleasant, Mich.—First Congregational Society. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7 P. M. Rev. H. Van Ommeren.

Neillsville, Wis.—People's Church. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Without minister.

Omaha, Neb.—Unity Church, Seventeenth and Cass streets. Hour of service, 10:45 A. M. Rev. Newton Mann, 421 N. Seventeenth St.

Onsted, Mich.—People's Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Ord, Neb.—People's Unitarian Church of Ord. Hour of service, 11 A. M.

Pueblo, Colo.—Unity Church, Court and Ninth Sts. Hours of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. Lewis Marsh, Colorado Springs.

Quincy, Ill.—Second Congregational Church, 633 Main St. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. C. F. Elliott.

Salem, Ohio.—Unity Church, Pioneer Building, Garfield Ave. and East Main St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. A. Irvine Innes, 181 Garfield Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Messiah, Union Ave. and Morgan St. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. John W. Day, 320 North Newstead Ave.

St. Louis, Mo.—Church of the Unity, Park and Armstrong Aves. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. George R. Dodson, 48 Nicholson Place.

St. Paul, Minn.—Unity Church, Portland Ave. and Grotto St. Hours of service, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Rev. John D. Reid.

Shelbyville, Ill.—First Congregational Church. Hour of service, second and fourth Sundays of each month, at 10:30 A. M. Rev. Jasper L. Douthit.

Sherwood, Mich.—Unity Church. Hour of service, 7:30 P. M., alternate Sundays.

Sioux City, Iowa—Unity Church, Tenth and Douglas Sts. Hours of service, 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Rev. Manley B. Townsend, 410 Tenth St.

Toledo, Ohio—First Unitarian Church, Ashland Ave. and Prescott St. Hour of service 10:30 A. M. Rev. Abraham M. Rihbany, 4 Ashland Place.

Topeka, Kan.—First Unitarian Church, 918 Topeka Ave. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. J. H. Jones.

Urbana-Champaign, Ill.—Unitarian Church. Hour of service, 11 A. M. Rev. Albert R. Vail, 1109 West California Ave., Urbana.

Washta, Iowa.—Unity Society. Service and Sunday School every other Sunday at 2 P. M. Miss Carrie Hoffman, Secretary.

Wichita, Kan.—First Unitarian Church. Hours of service 11 A. M. Rev. Edward Day.

Winnipeg, Manitoba.—The First Icelandic Unitarian Church of Winnipeg. Sherbrooke and Sargent Sts. Hour of service, 7 P. M. Rev. Roegno Peturrson, 582 Sargent Ave.

Youngstown, Ohio—Cor. Elm St. and Bissell Ave. Hour of service, 10:30 A. M. Rev. W. L. Beers, 1406 Elm St.

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